

NEWS RELEASE**Crop Production
November 12, 2003****NOVEMBER CROP PRODUCTION REPORT****North Dakota**

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 86.8 million bushels, no change from the October forecast but up 10,000 bushels from last year's production, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. As of November 1, the state yield is expected to average 28 bushels per harvested acre, the same as October's forecast but down 5 bushels from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at a record high 3.10 million, up from last year's 2.63 million acres.

Corn production is forecast at a record high 130 million bushels, up 4 percent from the October forecast and 14 percent from last year. The corn yield is expected to average 104 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the October forecast but down 11 bushels when compared to last year. Acreage harvested for grain is expected to be 1.25 million acres, 26 percent above 2002.

Dry edible pea production is estimated at 2.74 million hundredweight (cwt), up from 2.00 million cwt last year. Acres for harvest is expected to be 155,000 compared to 138,000 last year. Average yield is expected to be 1,770 pounds per harvested acre, up from last year's yield of 1,450 pounds.

Lentil production forecast for the season is set at 637,000 cwt, up from 517,000 cwt last year. Acreage for harvest is expected to be 54,000 acres, compared to 47,000 acres last year. Average yield is expected to be 1,180 pounds per harvested acre, up from last year's yield of 1,100 pounds per acre.

Fall potato production is expected to be 26.9 million cwt, up 15 percent from last year's production of 23.5 million cwt. Planted acres, at 117,000, are down 1,000 from last year and lowest since 1980 when 114,000 acres were planted. Acres harvested are estimated at 112,000, up 10,000 acres from last year. The average yield is expected to be 240 cwt per harvested acre, up from 230 cwt last year. Producers expect to sell 86.0 percent of the total production compared to 86.8 percent actually marketed last year and the 1998-2002 average of 85.5 percent.

United States

Soybean production is forecast at 2.45 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and 11 percent below 2002. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996. As of November 1, yields are expected to average 33.8 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from October and down 4.2 bushels from 2002. Area for harvest is forecast at 72.5 million acres, unchanged from last month but up fractionally from 2002.

Corn production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 14 percent above 2002. As of November 1, yields are expected to average 143.2 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from October and up 13.2 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. Both previous records were set in 1994.

Dry edible pea production is estimated at 5.01 million cwt, up 18 percent from the 2002 estimate. Area for harvest, at 321,000 acres, is 15 percent above a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 1,560 pounds per acre, up 43 pounds from last season.

Lentil production is forecast at 2.29 million cwt, down 9 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 226,000 acres, up 8 percent from the previous year. Average yield is expected to be 1,012 pounds per acre, down 189 pounds per acre from 2002.

Fall potato production for 2003 is forecast at 414 million cwt, virtually unchanged from last year but 5 percent greater than the 2001 crop. Area harvested, at 1.09 million acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but down 1 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 378 cwt per acre, 5 cwt above last year and 11 cwt greater than the 2001 season. Total U. S. potato production in 2003 from all four seasons is estimated at 459 million cwt, virtually unchanged from last year. Harvested area, at 1.25 million acres, decreased 1 percent from a year ago. Yields, averaging 367 cwt per acre, are up 5 cwt from last year.

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CROP SUMMARY: AREA PLANTED AND HARVESTED
NORTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2002 and FORECASTED NOVEMBER 1, 2003 ^{1/}

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
Barley	1,600	2,050	1,240	1,980	5,071	5,299	4,129	4,688
Corn for Grain ^{2/}	1,230	1,450	995	1,250	79,054	79,066	69,313	71,765
Corn for Silage			180				7,490	
Hay, All			3,300	2,950			64,497	64,379
Alfalfa			1,450	1,550			23,135	23,541
All Other			1,850	1,400			41,362	40,838
Oats	670	620	290	360	4,995	4,601	2,093	2,224
Rye	10	18	9	15	1,395	1,368	281	339
Wheat, All	9,080	8,630	7,920	8,500	60,468	61,700	45,917	52,839
Winter	80	130	70	120	41,845	44,945	29,751	36,541
Durum	2,100	2,000	1,950	1,980	2,909	2,915	2,703	2,869
Other Spring	6,900	6,500	5,900	6,400	15,714	13,840	13,463	13,429
Canola	1,300	1,000	1,160	970	1,459	1,121	1,275	1,085
Flaxseed	750	550	680	540	785	583	704	572
Mustard Seed ^{3/}					191.0	96.5	175.0	94.2
Rapeseed ^{3/}					3.4	1.6	3.1	1.5
Safflower ^{3/}					219	213	196	198
Soybeans	2,670	3,150	2,630	3,100	73,923	73,585	72,437	72,538
Sunflower, All	1,370	1,230	1,315	1,205	2,580	2,364	2,180	2,274
Oil	1,150	1,070	1,105	1,050	2,125	2,010	1,815	1,940
Non-oil	220	160	210	155	455	354	365	334
Sugarbeets	265	280	258	278	1,427.3	1,364.7	1,361.1	1345.6
Dry Edible Beans, All	790.0	600.0	690.0	570.0	1,922.1	1,501.2	1,726.9	1,417.8
Navy	180.0	86.0	151.0		345.3	190.7	305.7	
Pinto	515.0	450.0	460.0		813.3	700.8	725.3	
Black Turtle	60.0	27.0	51.0		196.8	94.0	183.4	
Dark Red Kidney	7.0	6.0	5.1		70.5	62.6	64.0	
Pinks	9.0	10.0	7.8		34.8	34.5	32.8	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	8.6	5.0	6.2		82.1	52.0	70.9	
Large ^{4/}		4.0				42.5		
Small ^{4/}		1.0				9.5		
Great Northern	5.8	8.0	4.9		93.8	108.1	82.1	
Other	4.6	8.0	4.0		285.5	258.5	262.7	
Dry Edible Peas	155	160	138	155	302.7	330.0	279.7	321.0
Lentils	53	55	47	54	221.0	246.0	209.0	226.0
Fall Potatoes, All	118.0	117.0	102.0	112.0	1,138.8	1,109.7	1,109.4	1,094.8
Irrigated ^{5/ 6/}	36.0		34.5					
Types, Reds ^{6/}	19.0	26.0	14.5					
Whites ^{6/}	47.5	38.9	40.0					
Russets ^{6/}	51.5	53.1	47.5					

1/ Data are latest estimates available. 2/ Area planted for all purposes. 3/ Published at U.S. level only. 4/ Estimates began in 2003. 5/ Included in all potatoes. 6/ Published at state level only.

CROP SUMMARY: YIELD AND PRODUCTION
NORTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2002 and FORECASTED NOVEMBER 1, 2003 ^{1/}

Crop	Unit	North Dakota					United States				
		Yield ^{2/}			Production		Yield ^{2/}			Production	
		2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003
			Oct 1	Nov 1				Oct 1	Nov 1		
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Barley ^{3/}	Bu	46.0		60.0	57,040	118,800	54.9		58.9	226,573	276,087
Corn for Grain	Bu	115.0	100.0	104.0	114,425	130,000	130.0	142.2	143.2	9,007,659	10,277,932
Corn for Silage	Tons	7.0			1,260		14.0			104,979	
Hay, All ^{4/}	Tons	1.19	1.56	1.56	3,920	4,610	2.34	2.50	2.50	150,962	160,706
Alfalfa ^{4/}	Tons	1.30	1.80	1.80	1,885	2,790	3.19	3.34	3.34	73,824	78,523
All Other ^{4/}	Tons	1.10	1.30	1.30	2,035	1,820	1.86	2.01	2.01	77,138	82,183
Oats ^{3/}	Bu	44.0		59.0	12,760	21,240	56.7		65.0	118,628	144,649
Rye ^{3/}	Bu	38.0		50.0	342	750	24.8		27.3	6,955	9,254
Wheat, All ^{3/}	Bu	27.3		37.3	216,610	317,090	35.3		44.2	1,619,001	2,336,526
Winter ^{3/}	Bu	38.0		49.0	2,660	5,880	38.5		46.7	1,145,602	1,707,069
Durum ^{3/}	Bu	25.0		29.5	48,750	58,410	29.4		33.7	79,450	96,637
Other Spring ^{3/}	Bu	28.0		39.5	165,200	252,800	29.3		39.7	393,949	532,820
Canola ^{4/}	Lbs	1,230	1,400	1,400	1,426,800	1,358,000	1,218	1,425	1,425	1,552,520	1,545,709
Flaxseed	Bu	18.0			12,240		17.9			12,569	
Mustard Seed ^{5/}	Lbs						705			123,450	
Rapeseed ^{5/}	Lbs						1,461			4,530	
Safflower ^{5/}	Lbs						1,520			297,980	
Soybeans	Bu	33.0	28.0	28.0	86,790	86,800	38.0	34.0	33.8	2,749,340	2,451,759
Sunflower, All ^{4/}	Lbs	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,710,050	1,446,000	1,142	1,152	1,152	2,489,606	2,619,497
Oil ^{4/}	Lbs	1,310			1,447,550		1,140			2,069,780	
Non-oil ^{4/}	Lbs	1,250			262,500		1,150			419,826	
Sugarbeets	Tons	18.6	21.0	21.0	4,799	5,838	20.4	22.2	22.8	27,718	30,624
Dry Edible Beans, All ^{4/ 6/}	Cwt	1,540	1,520	1,520	10,626	8,664	1,736	1,665	1,665	29,974	23,603
Navy ^{6/}	Cwt	1,550			2,340		1,735			5,304	
Pinto ^{6/}	Cwt	1,560			7,184		1,776			12,880	
Black Turtle ^{6/}	Cwt	1,350			689		1,698			3,114	
Dark Red Kidney ^{6/}	Cwt	1,330			68		1,680			1,075	
Pinks ^{6/}	Cwt	1,590			124		1,851			607	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo) ^{6/}	Cwt	1,470			91		1,182			838	
Large ^{6/ 7/}	Cwt										
Small ^{6/ 7/}	Cwt										
Great Northern ^{6/}	Cwt	1,510			74		1,882			1,545	
Other ^{6/}	Cwt	1,400			56		1,755			4,611	
Dry Edible Peas ^{6/}	Cwt	1,450		1,770	2,001	2,744	1,517		1,560	4,242	5,009
Lentils ^{6/}	Cwt	1,100		1,180	517	637	1,200		1,012	2,508	2,286
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	230		240	23,460	26,880	373		378	414,317	413,549
Irrigated ^{8/ 9/}	Cwt	300			10,350						
Types, Reds ^{9/}	Cwt	178			2,580						
Whites ^{9/}	Cwt	181			7,250						
Russets ^{9/}	Cwt	287			13,630						

1/ Data are latest estimates available. 2/ Yield per harvested acre. 3/ Estimates carried forward from September Small Grains 2003 Summary. 4/ No forecast made November 1, estimates carried forward from October 1. 5/ Published at U.S. level only. 6/ Yield in pounds. 7/ Estimates began in 2003. 8/ Included in all potatoes. 9/ Published at state level only.

